

By

Harris County Delegation

H.S.R. No. 400

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Another member of the Harris County Delegation has cause for celebration during this Regular Session of the 60th Legislature, as Representative Lauro Cruz observes the 34th anniversary of his birth on Saturday, May 20, 1967; and

WHEREAS, Now serving his first term in the Texas Legislature, Lauro can claim a number of other firsts: he is the first Latin American from Harris County to be elected to state office since history's famed Lorenzo de Zavala was elected on March 17, 1836, as the first Vice President of the Republic of Texas from his residence in Harrisburg Municipality; he is undoubtedly the first, and perhaps the only, man from Texas to enlist in the U.S. Marine Corps with his birth certificate designating him as "female"; doubtless the registrar of births was unfamiliar with the Spanish word-ending "o," distinguishing masculine from feminine names; and

WHEREAS, An interesting sidelight to this error in Lauro's birth registration is the unlikelihood that he would ever have been drafted for military service, but he chose to serve his country by enlisting during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, Our good friend and colleague has shown this same acceptance of responsibility and devotion to duty in all of his endeavors; born in Beaumont on May 20, 1933, he moved to Houston with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Cruz, when he was only nine months old; as a young school boy in parochial and public schools, he was always an industrious and enterprising student; he was a good athlete and lettered in track at Hogg Junior High School; and

WHEREAS, During his second year at Sam Houston High School he volunteered for active Marine Reserve, but continued and completed his high school education in addition to his regular duties; after receiving his honorable discharge, he entered the University of Houston, from which he was graduated with a bachelor of science degree in political science; he is even now continuing his education, as he is enrolled in the South Texas College of Law; and

WHEREAS, He is avidly interested in community problems and shows great concern for ethnic and disadvantaged groups; and

WHEREAS, In 1964, he was urged by friends and neighbors to run for Precinct Judge, and won by an overwhelming majority; this taste of politics induced him to run for the Texas Legislature to represent District 23, Place 5, Harris County, in 1966, and he again received a good majority of votes cast; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that the House of Representatives of the State of Texas congratulate Lauro Cruz and join his wife, Clarice, and four children--Chris, Camille, Jerry and Stannie--in celebrating his birthday; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 60th Legislature, by this Resolution, extend greetings and good wishes to Lauro Cruz of Houston on his birthday; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him, under the Seal of the House of Representatives, as an expression of the high regard which this House holds for him and his fine family.

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R E S O L U T I O N

congratulating Lauro Cruz on  
his 34th birthday.

DATE MAY 20 1967

READ AND ADOPTED

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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